

CLAIMS

1. An interactive television, comprising:
 - a television tuner;
 - a display communicating with the tuner for displaying broadcast television signals;
 - at least one virtual channel memory communicating with the display, the virtual channel memory storing Web pages associated with virtual channel numbers, the virtual channel numbers being selectable for presentation on the display, the Web pages being periodically received in the virtual channel memory; and
 - at least one user data input memory, the user data input memory storing at least some user demographic information, the user demographic information being at least partially used to establish the Web page stored in the virtual channel memory.
2. An interactive television, comprising:
 - a video display;
 - a television tuner electrically associated with the display; and
 - at least one virtual channel memory associated with the display, the memory storing Web pages associated with virtual channel numbers, the virtual channel numbers being selectable for displaying the virtual channels on the video display, the Web pages being periodically received in the virtual channel memory.

3. The interactive television of Claim 2, further comprising:

at least one user data input memory, the user data input memory storing at least some user demographic information, the user demographic information being at least partially used to establish the Web page stored in the virtual channel memory.

4. The interactive television of Claim 3, wherein the user data input memory further includes at least some user preferences, the user input preferences being at least partially used to establish the Web page stored in the virtual channel memory.

5. An interactive television system, comprising:

at least one Web server;
at least one television signal source; and
at least one interactive television, the interactive television receiving information from the Web server and the television signal source, the interactive television including at least one virtual channel memory, the virtual channel memory including at least one computer page having an associated virtual channel, the virtual channel being selectable to display the computer page using the interactive television.

6. The interactive television system of Claim 5, wherein the interactive television further comprises:

at least one user data input memory, the user data input memory including at least some user demographic information, the user demographic information

being at least partially used to establish the page stored in the virtual channel memory.

7. The interactive television system of Claim 5, wherein the user data input memory further includes at least some user preferences, the user input preferences being at least partially used to establish the page stored in the virtual channel memory.

8. The interactive television system of Claim 5, wherein the computer page is a Web page.

9. A method for providing internet content via an interactive television system, comprising the acts of:

providing an interactive television having at least one virtual channel memory, the virtual channel memory including at least one Web page associated with a virtual channel;

periodically updating the Web page; and

enabling a consumer to select the virtual channel or a television channel for display on the interactive television.

10. The method of Claim 9, wherein the interactive television further includes at least one user data input memory, and the method further includes the act of:

enabling a consumer to input demographic information into the user data input memory.

11. The method of Claim 10, wherein the method further includes the act of:

establishing the Web page at least partially based on the user demographic information.

12. The method of Claim 11, further comprising the act of:

enabling a consumer to input user preferences into the user data input memory.

13. The method of Claim 12, further comprising the act of:

establishing the Web page at least partially based on the user preferences.